

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure Art Unit 1615

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Examiner: S. T. Tran

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: J. Michael Ramstack et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2007 (Paper No. 20070227), finally rejecting claims 1-9, 11, and 13-34, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and DC: 2529353-1

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any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.